

### **REMARKS**

Claims 1-3, 7, 13, and 19-36 are pending in this application. In light of the amendments and remarks made herein, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections.

#### **Examiner Interview**

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the Interview conducted on October 11, 2007. During the Interview, the parties discussed the outstanding rejections and the teachings of the cited art. During the Interview, the Examiner suggested amending the claims to clarify the type of data that is being processed.

By this amendment, Applicants have amended the claims to more appropriately recite the present invention. These amendments are being made without conceding the propriety of the Examiner's rejections, but merely to timely advance prosecution of the present application.

In the outstanding Official Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 7-8, 10, 19, 22, 24, 27, 32 and 35 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Snyder et al.* (USP 6,195,474); rejected claims 9 and 11-12 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Snyder et al.* in view of *Malloy* (USP 6,078,349); and rejected claims 2-4, 6, 13, 14, 16, 20-21, 23, 25, 26, 28, 33-34 and 36 as being unpatentable over *Ueda et al.* (USP 5,953,459) in view of *Snyder et al.* Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

By this amendment, Applicants have amended the independent claims to clarify that the image data represents reflectance values.

In contrast, in *Snyder*, the data that is generated is density of the scanned films. As *Snyder* fails to teach or suggest image data representing reflectance values, *Snyder* fails to teach or suggest executing the claimed function on the image data, wherein the image data represents reflectance values. As such, Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are not obvious over the references as cited.

### Conclusion

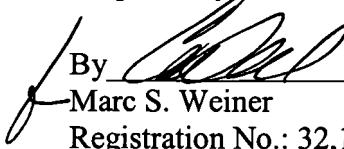
In view of the above remarks, it is believed that claims are allowable.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Catherine M. Voisin Reg. No. 52,327 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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